

This is just a preliminary set of ideas and thought provoking questions that are present in Bourdieu's article. A comprehensive handout will be passed out in class.

Bourdieu asserts a series of real, social relationships, all driven by class cleavages and learned values arising in their adherence. He makes the following claim: "Tastes (i.e., manifested preferences) are the practical affirmation of an inevitable difference" (205). And these differences are framed entirely in the negation or refutation of other tastes and tastes of others. As such, the individual is framed as both individual and adherent to a larger set of manifested preferences.

Given this general assertion:

1. When is individuality performed?
2. Does the class define itself only in overt consumption? What about hybridity of preferences, or labor engendered biases?
3. How does the performance of rank change with current technological waves?

These are just a few thoughts to consider as we move to Monday's presentation.